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Mr. Robert A. Schroeder, Chair
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Notice of Intent by Great River Energy and Xcel Energy to Submit a Route Permit Application under the Alternative Permitting Process

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

This letter serves as notice that Great River Energy and Xcel Energy intend to submit an application for a Route Permit Application for the Air Lake - Empire 115 kV Transmission Line and Vermillion River Substation in Dakota County, Minnesota under the Alternative Permitting processes of Minn. Rules pts. 4400.2000 to 4400.2750.

It is anticipated that the joint application will be submitted to the Environmental Quality Board by the end of April 2004.

Sincerely,

GREAT RIVER ENERGY

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